

2008

Domestic Violence Counts
The National Census of Domestic Violence Services

South Carolina Summary

On September 17, 2008, 11 out of 13, or 85%, of identified domestic violence programs in South Carolina participated in the 2008 National Census of Domestic Violence Services. The following figures represent the information provided by 11 participating programs about services provided during the 24-hour survey period.

264 Victims Served In One Day

174 domestic violence victims found refuge in emergency shelters or transitional housing provided by local domestic violence programs.

90 adults and children received non-residential assistance and services, including individual counseling, legal advocacy, and children's support groups.

Percentage of Participating Programs Providing These Services On the Census Day

91%	Emergency Shelter (including hotels or safe houses)
82%	Individual Support or Advocacy
64%	Children's Support or Advocacy
55%	Legal Accompaniment/Services
55%	Advocacy Related to Substance Abuse
45%	Advocacy Related to Mental Health
18%	Job Training/Employment Assistance
9%	Transitional Housing

142 Hotline Calls Answered

Domestic violence hotlines are a lifeline for victims in danger, providing support, information, safety planning, and resources. In the 24-hour survey period, domestic violence programs answered more than 6 hotline calls every hour.

703 Educated in Prevention and Education Trainings

On the survey day, 703 individuals in communities across South Carolina attended 12 training sessions provided by local domestic violence programs, gaining much needed information on domestic violence prevention and early intervention.

9 Unmet Requests for Services In One Day

Programs reported a critical shortage of funds and staff to assist victims in need of services such as transportation, childcare, language translation, mental health and substance abuse counseling, and legal representation.

Programs reported that lack of staffing was a reason that they could not meet domestic violence victims' request for services. 64% of programs have less than 20 paid staff. The average starting salary of a full-time, salaried front-line advocate is \$23,583.

"A woman called for help today. Her husband assaulted her on the day her Order of Protection expired. When she went to the police station to make a report, she was told that her husband had already been there and he filed an incident report against her."